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WASHINGTON - Rep. Jerry McNerney, D-Pleasanton, on Wednesday introduced legislation designed to close tax loopholes that encourage corporations to move jobs overseas.

The Stop Outsourcing and Create American Jobs Act of 2011 also increases penalties for companies that use illegal tax havens.

"We are never going to get our economy back on track if corporations keep sending jobs overseas," McNerney said. "These big corporations keep getting richer ... while real people are struggling to survive in today's economy."

The bill directs the secretary of the Treasury to develop a list of offshore tax havens that help corporations to outsource jobs and requires federal agencies to ask corporations about their outsourcing practices when those companies seek government contracts. Companies that keep jobs in the U.S. would get preference for such contracts. Corporations that lie about their outsourcing practices could be fined and would be barred for two years from seeking new contracts. Any revenue raised from fines would go to pay down the national debt.